

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/900,533
Amendment dated August 5, 2005
Response to Office Action dated July 26, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 25-59 and has provisionally rejected the remaining claims.

In particular, the Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1, 3, 5-10, 11-18, 20, and 22-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-52 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Number 10/216,048. For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Since this is a provisional rejection and since this is the only rejection now pending, it is proper to withdraw this provisional rejection in the present application so that the present claims can issue into a patent. As the M.P.E.P. instructs, this obviousness-type double patenting rejection, if proper, can then be raised in co-pending Application No. 10/216,048. However, the applicants note that the claims in co-pending Application No. 10/216,048 recite an alkali metal tungstate, which is not recited in the present claims. The claims in each application would not be obvious to each other. The provisional rejection does not appear to be proper for this reason as well. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this provisional rejection and to allow all claims at this time.

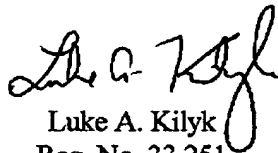
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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